Nine Missouri High School Students
Receive Service-Learning Awards

Nine high school students were honored at the Capitol yesterday (March 19) for their participation in the Missouri Service-Learning Program. Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell and members of the Missouri Legislature recognized the participants of national service projects as part of Missouri Service Day. More than 600 students, teachers and national service program participants from around the state attended the awards ceremony, which was held in the Capitol rotunda.

The 10th annual event recognized all streams of national service including Learn and Serve America, AmeriCorps, VISTA and the Senior Corps. The celebration is designed to inform legislators of national service programs and recognize the achievements of individuals providing service to their communities.

Participants in the Missouri Service-Learning Program met with their legislators in the Capitol and toured the House and Senate galleries. The awards are sponsored by the Missouri Community Service Commission.

The 2003 Lieutenant Governor's Service Award recipients are:

1. Nicole Downs, CODE Program, Hickman Mills High School, Kansas City
2. Ashley Fricke, Hallsville High School
3. Jeni Jaso, Bailey Alternative High School, Springfield Public Schools
4. Katie Lorraine McCallister, Harrisburg High School
5. Jamilee Polson, Fayette High School
6. Quiana Smith, Lift for Life Academy, St. Louis Public Schools
7. Charlie Spencer, Kirkwood High School
8. Maria Todd, Blue Eye High School
9. Tasha Weiss, Pattonville High School

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